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FORMER CLAYTON COUNTY STUDENT IS SENTENCED IN GUN CASE

Atlanta, GA - MARVELOUS BEAVERS, 19, of Hampton, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Marvin H. Shoob on charges of Possession of Firearms and Ammunition in a School Zone.

“This case is especially important because it sends a strong message to the citizens of Clayton County that we absolutely will not tolerate anyone endangering the lives of our students by carrying guns to schools,” said David E. Nahmias, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia..

BEAVERS was sentenced to 30 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. BEAVERS was convicted of these charges on December 20, 2005.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On May 11, 2005, Clayton County Police Officers noticed some students fighting in the school parking lot as they drove past North Clayton High School. Officers also observed the school staff attempting to break up the altercation which began when Beavers, a former student, and several juveniles carried a sawed-off shotgun, a .32 caliber pistol, and 30 rounds of ammunition to the school. During the altercation, one of the juveniles actually pointed a firearm toward the crowd but dropped it and ran when he saw the officers. While securing the weapons, the officers discovered that the sawed-off shotgun was loaded with one round of ammunition. Upon arrest, Beavers stated that he kept the shotgun in his vehicle “just in case of a beef.”

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Clayton County Police Department

Assistant United States Attorney Sheila Arnum prosecuted the case.

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